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IN THE CLAIMS

Please reconsider the claims as follows:

1. (previously presented) In a system providing video on demand (VOD) services via any of a plurality of incompatible VOD systems, a VOD gateway method comprising:
transmitting to each of the plurality of incompatible VOD systems a respective compatible request for a list of available VOD assets;
receiving from each VOD system a list of respective available VOD assets; and
aggregating the received lists of available VOD assets to form a combined list of available VOD assets, the combined list of available VOD assets being adapted to be compatible with a plurality of receiver stations.
2. (previously presented) A method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising:
in response to a request from a receiver station for a VOD asset, performing the steps of:
Identifying which VOD system is associated with the requested VOD asset;
transmitting, to the identified VOD system, a compatible request for the VOD asset;
receiving the requested VOD asset from the identified VOD system;
adapting the received VOD asset to be compatible with the requesting receiver station; and
transacting for the requested VOD asset with the requesting receiver station and the identified VOD system.
3. (previously presented) A method in accordance with claim 2, wherein the requested VOD asset comprises one or more of a video program, an audio program, a graphic program and a text program.
4. (previously presented) A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein each of the incompatible VOD systems includes an asset management system for managing